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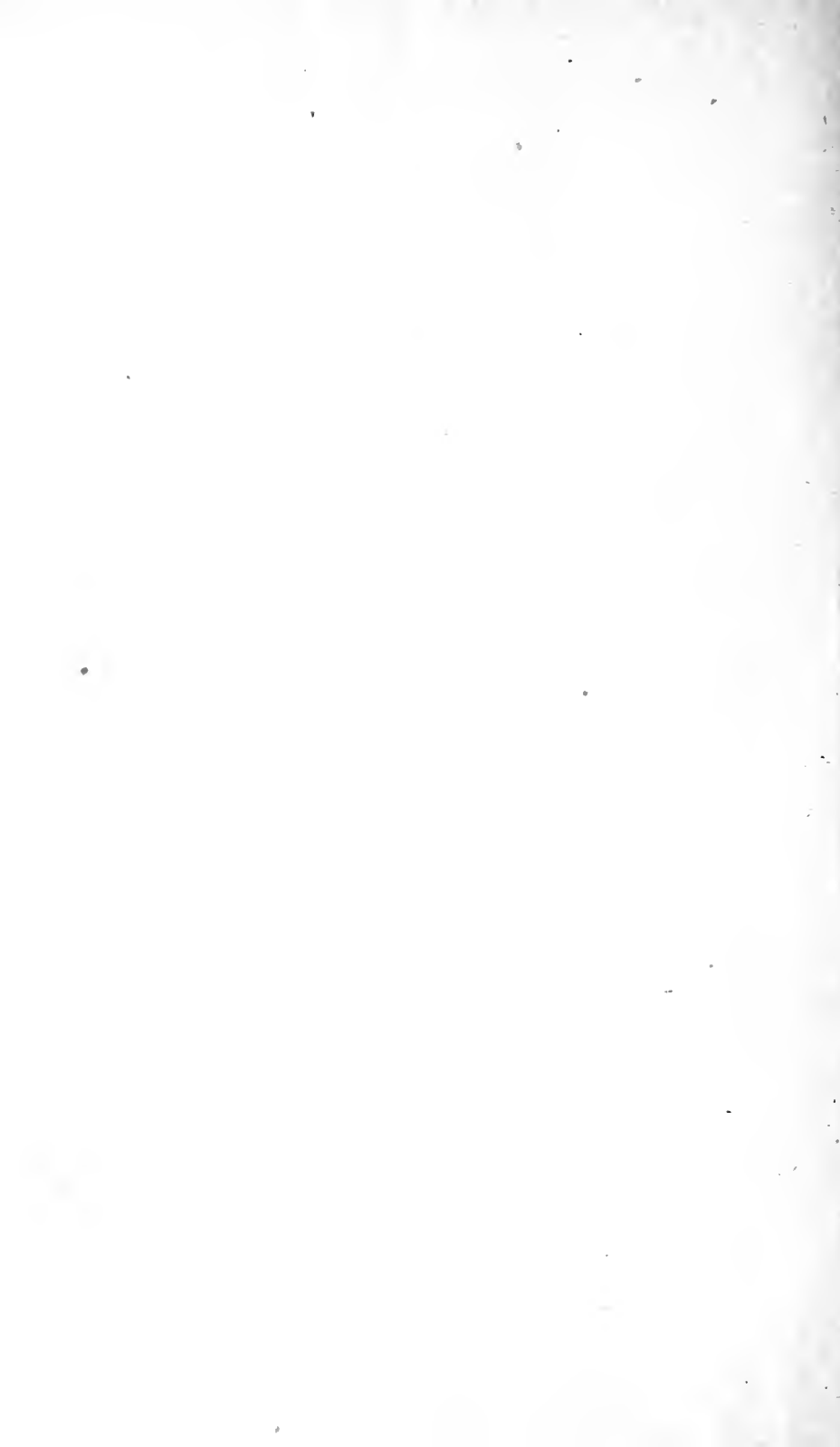
SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, BRUNDIDGE, ALA.,
Commencing on Friday August 2, 1895.

OFFICERS:

W. H. BARNETT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Moderator.
S. J. TOWNSEND,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Clerk.
M. A. WOOD,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer.

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The Twelfth Annual Session of Troy Association was held with Salem Baptist church, Brundidge, Ala., commencing on Friday August 2, 1895.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. A. E. Pinckard, of Orion. Text, Isaiah 9: 6. Theme, "Wonderful."

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m., and after reading 116th Psalm by the Moderator, Bro. W. H. Barnett, singing and prayer, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The Clerk read the letters from the churches composing the Association, to-wit: Troy, Shiloh, Salem, Orion and Olustee, which were received after the necessary corrections were made.

The following messengers were received and enrolled, to-wit :

From Troy Church—Rev. R. H. Harris, Rev. A. N. Worthy, Rev. L. H. Bowles, Rev. J. L. Youngblood, Deacons M. N. Carlisle and J. P. Wood, sr. Also Bros. J. D. Murphree, S. J. Townsend, Abner Campbell, Joshua Hill, Roscoe Andrews, James Hill, W. S. Coleman, J. P. Wood, jr., Richard Lock, Amos Harris, Casper Boyd and John E. Moore.

Orion Church—Rev. A. E. Pinckard, Bros. N. A. Adams, Will Chancey and M. W. Pennington.

Salem Church—Rev. R. P. Copeland, Rev. H. C. Sanders and Bros. W. R. Pierson, G. W. Smith, J. M. Connor, J. H. Lawson, H. A. McLean, J. M. Haisten, Isaac N. Andrews, D. T. Hunt, G. Hendrick, S. Green, G. C. Baker.

Olustee Church—Bros. W. H. Barnett and W. A. Morrison.

Shiloh Church—Bros. M. A. Wood, J. H. Wood, R. B. Parks, W. G. Carlisle, T. J. McDowell, J. R. Turner.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Murphree the officers were re-elected, to-wit: W. H. Barnett, Moderator, S. J. Townsend, Clerk, and M. A. Wood, Treasurer. On motion it was agreed that the Association meet at 8 o'clock a. m. and adjourn at will. Commence at 2 o'clock p. m. and adjourn at will.

The report of committee on rules was read and on motion of Bro. Murphree order No. 2 was changed to No. 4, and order

No. 4 changed to No. 2. On motion of Bro. Pinckard the report was adopted.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed to report during the session, to-wit :

On Religious Service—Pastor and Delegates from Salem Church.

On Finance—J. D. Murphree, J. H. Wood, Will Chancey, H. A. McLean.

On Documents and Requests—J. L. Youngblood, G. Hendrick, W. A. Morrison.

On Nominations—Rev. A. N. Worthy, H. C. Sanders, M. A. Wood.

On Motion of Bro. J. P. Wood the Moderator gave special invitation to Dr. Eager of Montgomery, representing the State Mission Board, and Dr. Averett, representing the interest of the Judson, to seats in the body.

Call for correspondents from Sister Associations. Rev. W. H. Simmons from the Newton. Bros. J. W. Stewart, Ira Jordan, M. L. Watkins and T. J. Daneils from the Salem. Bro. Samuel Ming from the Centennial. Bro. Underwood from Eufaula.

On motion of Bro. M. N. Carlisle, brethren appointed on standing committees were requested to have their reports ready for the next session before the 'body convenes, so that the Association may enter promptly on the business to come before it, and that the clerk be requested to inform the chairman of each committee at least two months before the Association convenes, that he will be expected to have his report ready.

On motion of Bro. M. A. Wood, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Association tender Bro. W. B. Crumpton their heart-felt sympathy for him in the sad bereavement and sorrow he bears by reason of the sudden death of his bright little daughter, ELIZABETH, on the 28th ult.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the unerring wisdom of this inscrutable providence, and that we bow in humble resignation to his divine will, and we invoke the divine blessings upon our Brother and his family.

Resolved, That Bro. Eager be requested to communicate to Bro. Crumpton the action of this body.

Reports of committees being called for, the committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows, which was adopted, to-wit :

Bro. Eager preach to-night (Friday) at 8 o'clock p. m., and to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock a. m., and Bro. J. L. Youngblood Saturday night at 8 o'clock, and Bro. R. H. Harris Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., at the Baptist church, on Missions, Bro. N. C. Underwood at the M. E. church same hour.

On motion of Bro. Youngblood the report on Missions was set for 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

On motion of Bro. Murphree the report on Temperance was set for 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday.

In the absence of any of the committee on Education, by motion, Bros. H. C. Sanders, J. P. Wood and M. N. Carlisle were requested to make said report.

Report of committee on Indigent and Deceased Ministers read and adopted, to-wit :

Your committee beg leave to report that we know of no indigent Ministers in the bounds of our Association. We recommend, however, that the churches provide a fund to be held for the support of such when the necessity arises in the future. We further report that there has been no deaths among the ministry in the last twelve months within the limits of our Association.

E. A. PINCKARD, Ch'n.

On motion of Bro. M. N. Carlisle the churches were requested to send donations for indigent ministers direct to the State Board.

On motion of Bro. Pinckard the committee on Indigent and Deceased Ministers are instructed to embody the two reports in one until otherwise instructed.

After singing and prayer the Association adjourned.

At 8 o'clock p. m. Friday, sermon by Dr. Eager from Heb. 3: 1, 2. Text, "Faithful."

SATURDAY, August 3d, 9 o'clock A. M.

Moderator called the body to order. After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. L. Youngblood, the committee on Education made the following report :

Never before in the history of this country have the people been so impressed with the importance and necessity of educating the masses. Every department of life, Political, Financial, Social and Religious, are loud and impetative in their demands for educated men and women. Parents, from Hovel to Palace, see that the efficiency of men and women is increased somehow by education, and they are making greater efforts than ever before to give their children better opportunities. Some educate their children that they may be better prepared to make money, while others have caught the true spirit of education, and are educating their children that they may be better prepared for usefulness, that humanity may be elevated by their lives. The State is not slow to observe the demand for better trained men and women, so she is dotting our country over with her schools. This is all well, but are we, as Baptists, to relax our efforts to send out into the world, from year to year, Godly young men and women, whose lives have been so like their Master's, whose efficiency and usefulness have been, and are to-day, a blessing to humanity. How, we ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, can we afford to do without these rivers of living influence in this dry and thirsty land. They are the hope of the State, the hope of society, and the hope of the church. The denominational colleges furnish the ballast to the world, without which our education would be a most miserable failure. We take great pleasure in recommending our own Howard and Judson,

as the best literary institutions in the State, and the Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, as the place for young preachers.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. SANDERS, Ch'n.

After very elaborate speeches by Dr. Averett, of the Judson, and Rev. H. C. Sanders, setting forth in an able manner the importance and advantages of education, and representing the claims of our Baptist institutions, the report was unanimously adopted.

Report of committee on Documents and Requests read and adopted, to-wit :

We, your committee on Documents and Requests, report that, after examining such documents as came into our possession, we find the First Baptist church at Troy, and Shiloh church, asking the Association to convene with them at next session. The responsibility will fall on you to decide that question as to time and place.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. YOUNGBLOOD, Ch'n.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Youngblood the next session of this Association will convene with Troy church on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1896.

The special hour for taking up the report on Missions was postponed until after the report on Temperance should be disposed of.

Report on Sunday Schools read, and after discussion by Rev. L. H. Bowles and Rev. H. C. Sanders, was unanimously adopted, to-wit :

As an institution the Sunday School has advanced to the point in usefulness, and is so permanently established as a means of doing good, there is now no necessity that it should be defended. Wherever the religion of the Bible is professed and practiced, we find the Sunday School going hand in hand with every good work in the advancement of the Master's Kingdom. No enlightened Christian ever questions that its work is not a Christian duty. It is generally conceded that any church without a well organized and equipped Sunday School, is not exercising the full measure of its privileges. There is no field of labor more inviting to the zealous Christian than is found here. Confined within proper limits, the labors of consecrated Christians therein, yield abundant harvest of golden fruit. We know, by our own experience, that the faithful efforts of the earnest Sunday School worker have been blessed of God. We are glad to report that all the churches of this Association have Sunday Schools, the work progressing and producing good results.

M. W. PENNINGTON, Ch'n.

After benediction the Association adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock p. m.

II O'CLOCK A. M.

Dr. Eager preached to a full house. Text, "My meat is to do the will of him who sent me, and to finish his work." John 4 : 34.

The committee on Finance reported as follows, which was adopted :

We, your committee on Finance, make the following report:

Troy Church sends for Minutes.....	\$ 10.00
" " Paid " Missions.....	175.00
" " " " Ministerial Education.....	33.00
" " " " Orphans' Home.....	42.00
" " " " Judson Female College.....	100.00
" " " " Pastor's Salary.....	2000.00
" " " " Ch. Organ, Building and Repairs.....	372.00
Total.....	\$2687.00

Received of Sunbeam Society.....	\$ 89.00
" " Ladies Aid ".....	677.00
Contribution by two individuals.....	93.00

Total..... \$856.97

Paid for Lectures by Ladies' Aid Society..... 460.00 \$396.97

The above \$396.97 was expended on charity and other benevolent purposes.

Orion Church sends for Minutes.....	\$ 1.25
" " " " Home and Indian Missions....	2.18
" " " " Foreign Missions.....	2.17
" " " " State Missions.....	2.41
" " " " Ministerial Education.....	3.00
" " " " Orphans' Home.....	1.50
Total.....	\$12.51

Salem Church sends for Minutes.....	\$ 3.00
" " " " Missions.....	33.24
Total.....	\$36.24

Shiloh Church sends for Minutes.....	\$ 2.50
" " " " Missions.....	17.28
" " " " S. S. Literature.....	4.00
Total.....	\$23.78

Olustee Church sends for Minutes.....	\$ 1.00
" " " " Missions.....	4.00
" " " " Bible and Colportage.....	5.00
Total.....	\$10.00

Sunday Collections, Cash.....	\$22.12
" " Pledges.....	3.35
Total.....	\$25.47

J. D. MURPHREE, Ch'n.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report at next session of this body :

On State and Home Missions—Rev. L. H. Bowles, Ch'n, J. H. Wood, H. C. Pierson, M. W. Pennington.

Foreign Missions—Rev. R. H. Harris, Ch'n, M. N. Carlisle, R. P. Copeland.

Sunday Schools—Rev. L. H. Bowles, Rev. H. C. Sanders, Ch'n, W. G. Carlisle.

Temperance—J. D. Murphree, Ch'n, H. A. McLean, W. A. Morrison.
Education—Edward M. Shackelford, Ch'n, J. H. Lawson, Roscoe Andrews.

Orphanage—Rev. A. E. Pinckard, Ch'n, A. Campbell, J. H. Lawson.

Colportage—Rev. J. L. Youngblood, Ch'n. W. L. Hendrick, N. A. Adams.

Deceased and Indigent Ministers—Jere Pierson, Ch'n, J. P. Wood, jr., R. B. Parks.

Report on Temperance read and, after speeches by J. D. Murphree, W. H. Simmons, M. N. Carlisle, N. C. Underwood, L. H. Bowles, G. B. Eager, was unanimously adopted:

Your committee on Temperance submit the following report: That, in their judgment, the sentiment against the intemperate use of spirituous liquors by the white people of Pike county is on the increase.

We find the feeling against drunkenness, and in favor of sobriety, more prevalent and emphatic in the smaller villages and the rural districts than at any time in the past. It is a pleasant duty to be able to say to the Association, that there is not a grog-shop in the county outside of our county town. This is evidence of marked improvement in favor of good morals among the country people. There are two retail liquor saloons in Troy patronized principally by negroes. We are of the opinion that there is a gradual falling off of drinking of intoxicating liquors by the white people of said locality. In our judgment, the liquor business would cease in Troy were it not for the revenue it brings to the city.

We find on Morris & Stewart's and J. D. Sikes' whiskey petitions the names of several church members, all the denominations being represented. This is a sad commentary on the churches of Troy beat, and a reflection upon Christianity.

Your committee would recommend a more earnest effort on the part of our denomination to discourage the use of intoxicants as a beverage.

We also give expression to the opinion that the signing of a whiskey petition, by which consent is given to sell spirituous liquors, is a grievous offence against the church and a violation of the spirit of Christianity, and that the members should be held to strict account for such violation.

Your committee further recommend that pastors of the respective churches of our Association preach at least one sermon each during the incoming associational year upon the subject of Temperance, condemning the excessive use of strong drink.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JOEL D. MURPHREE, Ch'n.

Following the speech of Bro. Murphree, the "Temperance," rally song was rendered by the young people with animation and spirit, which was received with almost rapturous enthusiasm.

Bro. Simmons gave a telling and warning speech, presenting the effects of the use of whiskey as an object lesson.

By request of Bro. Eager, on motion, Bro. Murphree was requested to have his speech published in the Alabama Baptist.

Report of committee on Home, State and Foreign Missions was read, and after discussion, was adopted, to-wit:

Your committee to whom has been assigned the duty of reporting on Foreign, Home and State Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

In the absence of figures, they will have to make suggestions, rather than state facts. The cause of Missions is the natural outgrowth of Christianity, and the wonder is that Christians everywhere are not more concerned in the great cause of the world's evangelization. If there be one command of the Savior that is emphasized more strongly than others, it is the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

There are two extreme views on the subject of Missions; the one denies

the necessity of man's work in bringing the world to Christ: claiming that God in his own good time and own wise way will bring men into the visible church, and therefore man's work is not only useless, but a positive presumption. This view of the question, we pass over, as we as "Missionary" Baptists do not agree with it. The other view is that the sending of men and gathering of means for their support in the different fields is the all absorbing question of the day, and frequently there is so much stress laid upon this feature of our church work that the great question of the salvation of souls and upbuilding of Christian character is lost sight of.

The stream can never rise higher than its source, and no spiritual work will ever outgrow the spiritual condition of its promoters. We note with pleasure the progress our Missionaries are making in foreign fields, and hail with pleasure the great changes that are going on in heathen lands of a political character, feeling assured that God is opening the gates of Christianity.

We recommend to the churches of this Association, the plan suggested by our State Secretary, of taking up regular periodic collections, and further recommend the envelope system as being the most practical and efficient. Respectfully submitted, L. H. BOWLES, Ch'n.

Report on Orphanage read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Orphan's Home would report that we have an Orphan's Home at Evergreen, Ala., under the supervision of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. The Home as such is now only about two years old. It was started with the inmates in a small rented house in November, 1893, since then a large ten room house has been purchased for five thousand dollars, to be paid in three installments. The first of these was paid when due, January, 1894; the second \$1800.00 due January, 1895, was paid except \$273.00 interest: the third and last \$1930.00 due January 1st, 1896, \$2203.00.

The total number of Orphans received to date is forty-four, ten of whom have been placed in good families by adoption. The inmates have the advantage of town schools: also Sunday School and church privileges. The cost of keeping the Home is about two hundred dollars per month. Bro. J. W. Stewart is the Superintendent of the Home, and he informs the denomination through the Alabama Baptist, and by cards, that he needs \$2500.00 to complete the payments on property and to make some necessary additions to the building, and asks this Association to contribute \$125.00 of this amount. Your committee recommend that the First Baptist church at Troy assume \$75.00 of said sum; that the Brundidge church assume \$25.00; Shiloh assume \$15.00; and that Orion and Olustee assume \$5.00 each.

Respectfully submitted, G. HENDRICK, Ch'n.

On motion of Bro. Murphree the churches pledged the following amounts: Troy \$75.00, Salem \$25.00, Shiloh \$15.00, Orion \$5.00, Olustee 5.00, for the Orphan Home at Evergreen.

Bro. M. A. Wood, Treasurer of the Association, presented the report of the Finance committee as the Treasurer reported. Report adopted.

Report on Bible and Colportage read and adopted, as follows:

Your committee make the following report: 1st, That our denomination fails to foster and support the Colportage work in our Association which its importance demands. Next to the preached word, the Colporter disseminates gospel truths in a most substantial way. In view of its import-

ance, we recommend that the Association inaugurate some plan by which we may receive the benefits of the institution.

REV. A. N. WORTHY, Ch'n.

By motion of Bro. J. D. Murphree the Clerk be allowed five dollars for services, and the balance of the funds be expended for printing minutes.

After singing, and prayer by Dr. Harris, the Association adjourned to Sunday morning, 8 o'clock.

Saturday night, sermon by Rev. J. L. Youngblood. Text, John 12: 26.

SUNDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

After singing and reading the 23d Psalm by Bro. Barnett, and prayer by Dr. Averett, the Moderator declared the body ready for business.

The Committee to whom was recommended the report on Orphan's Home made on yesterday, presented an amended report, which was read and adopted, which report appears on the minute above.

The Committee on Nominations, all of whom were not present, by request of Rev. H. C. Sanders, Dr. R. H. Harris and Bro J. D. Murphree were appointed instead, and after consultation, reported as follows :

To preach the Introductory—Rev. H. C. Sanders.

To preach the Missionary—Rev. L. H. Bowles.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, at Chatanooga—Rev. A. E. Pinckard, Delegate; W. H. Barnett, Alternate.

To the State Convention—Rev. R. H. Harris, Rev. A. N. Worthy, Rev. J. L. Youngblood, Rev. H. C. Sanders, Rev. L. H. Bowles, Rev. A. E. Pinckard, Deacon J. P. Wood.

RESOLUTIONS.

We tender to the good people of Brundidge and vicinity our kindest regards for the unbounded hospitality extended to the Troy Association.

The business of the Association being completed, after singing and prayer, adjourned to meet at Troy on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1896.

W. H. BARNETT, Moderator.

S. J. TOWNSEND, Clerk.

N. B.—Rev. R. H. Harris preached at 11 o'clock Sunday. Text, "The stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."—Dan. 2: 35. Rev. N. C. Underwood preached at the M. E. church same hour.

POST OFFICES.

R. H. Harris, Troy, Ala.
H. C. Harris, Brundidge, Ala.
A. E. Pinckard, Orion, Ala.
J. L. Youngblood, Troy, Ala.
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				Received by Baptism...	Received by Letter...	Received by Voucher...	Restored...	Dismissed...	Excluded...	Dead...	Total Membership...	Foreign...	Home...	State...	Total Amount....	Education Ministers...	Orphanage...	Pastor's Salary.....	Church Expenses.....	Female College.....	Miscellaneous Ex....	Minutes...	Sunbeam Society.....
Troy.....	R. H. Harris.....	E. M. Shackelford.....	W. F. Beard.....	19 18	1 17	1 7	449	176 00	33 10	42 00	2000	327 00	100 00	93 00	10 00	84 00	674 00	3540 00					
Shiloh.....	H. C. Harris.....		I. H. Wood.....	4 15	2	2	147	17 28	3 00	1 50						2 50			19 78				
Orion.....	A. E. Pinckard.....	R. M. McDade.....	W. G. Chaney.....	1 1	1	6	2	58 2	17 2	18 2	41					1 25			12 50				
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